

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

July 7, 2015

6:00 p.m. Transportation Benefit District Board:

CANCELLED

7:00 Regular Meeting

- Hearing to adopt six-year Transportation Improvement Plan
- Action to approve preliminary Comprehensive Plan

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

2015 Calendar:

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 1

Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm
CANCELLED

Fire Commissioners and Senior Center Board Vote to Support Metropolitan Park District

The Board of Commissioners for Snohomish County Fire District 4 and the Board of Directors for the Snohomish Senior Center both voted this past week to support the City's Metropolitan Park District (MPD) measure on the August 4 Primary Election ballot.

The City's objectives in asking voters to approve this measure are to create a dedicated source of revenue for improved parks maintenance and to construct a limited number of parks improvements in the community. The MPD would have the same boundaries as the City (both now and as boundaries change in the future), and the City Council would serve as the MPD Governing Board. The measure will be listed as Proposition 1 on the August Primary ballot.

A newsletter regarding the proposed MPD will be sent to Snohomish residents in early July and will include the following frequently asked questions (FAQ's) to provide more information to voters making a decision about how they would vote regarding the MPD ballot measure:

FAQ's REGARDING METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICTS

Q: What's the purpose of a Metropolitan Park District (MPD), and why is this measure on the ballot?

A: The objectives of creating an MPD for Snohomish are to provide dedicated revenue that would be used exclusively for improving maintenance and building new park improvements in Snohomish. The intended outcome is to enhance quality of life and property values as referenced in the City's strategic plan. The formation of an MPD as a source of parks funding can be approved only by a vote of the people.

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2. Q: Why is an MPD being considered now?

A: During the Great Recession that began in 2008, the City's Parks budget was reduced by 20% and park closures were considered to accommodate other budget priorities such as police services. An MPD was identified in 2012 as a means to create sustainable parks funding that is less susceptible to economic fluctuations and to provide funds needed to successfully apply for state and federal matching grants.

3. Q: What projects are expected to be built if voters approve the MPD?

A: The City Council adopted Resolution 1327 to express its intent to initially fund 4 projects based on a 2014 citizen survey: redevelopment of the Hal Moe Pool site; further development of the riverfront (boat launch) property; additional development of the Interurban Trail; and creation of an off-leash dog area.

4. Q: How would the MPD be funded and who would serve as the MPD governing board?

A: The MPD would be funded by a property tax levy based on a rate between 0 cents and 75 cents per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation (AV) on taxable properties in Snohomish. The City Council would serve as the MPD governing board which would set the levy rate within the range referenced above.

5. Q: How would an MPD property tax levy affect individual property owners?

A: It would depend on the levy rate established by the MPD Board: For example, at 25 cents per \$1,000 of AV the cost to an average home (a home valued at \$247,200 in 2015) would be \$5.15 per month; at the maximum rate of 75 cents per \$1,000 of AV, the average homeowner's monthly cost would be \$15.45.

6. Q: Do citizens have a role in determining what the property tax rate will be?

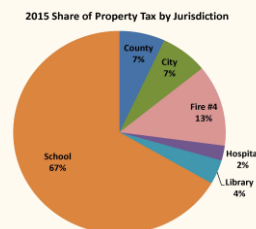
A: Yes, they do—the MPD Board would be required to hold a public hearing annually to hear from citizens before setting a tax rate.

7. Q: How does the property tax levy for the City of Snohomish compare to other Snohomish County cities?

A: The property tax levy that goes to fund City of Snohomish services is currently **\$1.032 per \$1,000 of AV**, and this rate is lower than any other Snohomish County city.

8. Q: What percentage of our property taxes now goes to the City compared to other local taxing districts?

A: The City of Snohomish currently receives 7% of the total property tax levied on taxable City properties (see pie chart for detail).



9. Q: What could happen to City parks if voters don't approve the MPD ballot measure?

A: Some or all of the parks improvement projects, especially more ambitious ones, currently recommended for funding by MPD revenue (see FAQ #3 above) may not be completed in the next 10 years due to lack of funds. Efforts to improve maintenance of existing parks may be limited because parks maintenance must compete with budget demands for police, streets maintenance, financial management, planning and general administration—all of which depend on the same limited sources of city government revenues.

10. Q: Where can I find more information about the MPD that the City Council used in making the decision to place this measure on the ballot?

A: See this link on the City's website: <http://snohomishwa.gov/456/Metropolitan-Park-District>

Games and Music to Please the Whole Family

Kla Ha Ya Days summertime festival has something fun for everyone!

Summer is the time for kids and adults to play and have fun. The annual Kla Ha Ya Days Festival that runs from July 11th through July 19th has something each family member can enjoy from games to music and so much more.

Friday July 17th from 3pm to 7pm at the Snohomish Station on 2727 Bickford Avenue, is the **Frogtastic Kids Fair** – games, crafts and activities for kids of all ages, most of which are free.

Saturday July 18th starts early with the River Run and the final leg of the Kla Ha Ya Kids Marathon funded by the Snohomish Education Foundation to encourage healthy habits and an active lifestyle.



Following the Parade on Saturday there's a lineup of silly games to test the mettle of babies and adults. The perennial favorite, the largest and longest running contest in the Northwest, is the Frog Jumping Contest. For a \$5 entry fee, you can coax your frog to the finish. Pie eating, bed races, and- new this year – Tai Chi and Yoga in the Park are among the games and activities to choose from.

For those who want something low key, you'll find bingo at the Snohomish Senior Center or you can shop at the Street Fair with nearly 100 craft and vendor booths.

While the games are going on so is the music. A line-up of musicians begins at 1pm and runs through 6pm. **Curtis Moore's** acoustic covers are followed by a Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young tribute by **Wasted on the Way**. The **Wild Snohomians** bring eclectic classic rock and **Rear View Mirror** has a ticket to ride for all genres of the 60s from the Animals to the Zombies.

Ending the day is a seven piece band that replicates the heart, soul and excitement of John 'Cougar' Mellencamp's great hits, **American Fool**. Enjoy a beverage in the Pilchuck Brewery beer and wine garden or a Kla Ha Ya Days specialty cocktail created by Skip Rock Distillers while you listen and dance in the Avenue A Gazebo Main Stage area where you'll also find the Food Court.

Sunday July 19th from Noon to 4pm, the **Marlin James Band**, one of the Northwest's hottest country bands, will entertain you. Their music is described as rock 'n roll with a saddle on it. Catch the Car and Motorcycle Show & Shine, too.

For those with a competitive spirit, the 4v4 Volleyball Tournament takes place July 11th and 12th and Soccer Tournaments on July 18th and 19th. No matter your age, Kla Ha Ya Days has something you'll enjoy. Bring the family.

To find out more about Kla Ha Ya Days' games and music, go to www.klahayadays.com.

City of Snohomish to host Outdoor Movie Series

The City of Snohomish is pleased to announce its 1st outdoor movies series. The movies will be held at Pilchuck Park at 163 Cypress Avenue, and will run for four consecutive Friday evenings beginning July 24th and ending on August 14th. The featured movies are Back to the Future, The Goonies, Grease, and The Game Plan. The movies will start at dusk which is around 9:00pm. Prior to the movies, many community groups will be offering family fun games, arts and crafts starting at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you to our generous sponsors Pilchuck Ridge Apartments, Snohomish Kiwanis, Historic Downtown Snohomish, HollysImages Art & Design Studio, The Stupey Agency, Yoga Circle Studio, Snohomish Aquatics Center, Snohomish Senior Center, Mariposa Day Spa, Uppercase Books, and Square One Home Repair. If you would like to be a sponsor or for more information visit: <http://snohomishwa.gov/460/Outdoor-Movies>



Movies @ Pilchuck Park

- **When:** **July 24** – Back to the Future
July 31 – Goonies
Aug 7 – Grease
Aug 14 – The Game Plan
- **Time:** Event starts at 7pm
with family fun games,
arts and crafts and
movies start at Dusk around 9pm.

For more Info go to <http://snohomishwa.gov/460/Outdoor-Movies>

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Pilchuck Park, 163 Cypress Ave. Snohomish, WA 98290



Pets in Hot Cars

By Chief John Flood

We are experiencing a very unusual stretch of unseasonably warm weather and I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of the danger this warm weather presents to some of the more vulnerable members of our community: the family pets. Please take the time to consider the following information from Partnership for Animal Welfare:

It only takes minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car on a balmy day. However, on a 78 degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees, and can hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun. Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either. And if the window is rolled down sufficiently to keep your pet safe, you now have the potential of your pet escaping.

A South Carolina woman left these two adorable dogs in a hot car all day while she was at work. Luckily, they were rescued and she was charged. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that on a hot day the temperature inside a vehicle can rise almost 20 degrees in just 10 minutes; this is known as the Greenhouse Effect.



Here are some precautions to help during this warm weather:

- Leave your pet at home on warm days
- On trips with your pet, bring plenty of fresh drinking water and a bowl
- Don't let dogs ride loose in the bed of your truck. The hot metal can hurt your pet's paws
- Take your pet into the shade, an air conditioned area, or to the vet if you see signs of heat exhaustion

The following are signs to look for if you suspect your dog might be suffering heat exhaustion:

- Restlessness
- Excessive thirst
- Heavy panting
- Lethargy
- Dark tongue
- Rapid pulse
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Glazed eyes
- Dizziness or lack of coordination

Leaving your pet in a hot car and allowing it to suffer the effects of heat exhaustion can be evidence of Animal Cruelty First Degree, as defined by RCW 16.52.205 (2), a Class C Felony crime. If the circumstances do not meet the elements of Animal Cruelty First Degree, then a pet owner may be charged with Animal Cruelty Second Degree, as defined by RCW 16.52.207 (2) (a), a Gross Misdemeanor.

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If you see a pet in a vehicle on a hot day, take immediate action:

- Note the vehicle make, model, color, and license plate number
- Call 9-1-1
- Make sure to give an accurate location of the vehicle
- **Do not confront the pet owner, leave that up to law enforcement**

One final piece of information I would like to share has to do with Police K9. The Snohomish Police Department has a K9 Team. Deputy Boice and K9 Deputy Kilo patrol the streets of Snohomish helping to keep our community safe. Kilo rides around in the patrol vehicle all day long and during these warm days and Deputy Boice keeps a close eye on him to make sure he is safe. We also use some safety devices to help keep Kilo safe in the patrol vehicle. In addition to leaving the air conditioning on for Kilo, the patrol vehicle has a safety feature that monitors the interior temperature. If the vehicle becomes overheated, the rear windows will roll down and special fans will come on to keep K9 Kilo cool and safe.

So remember, when you park the car, don't park the dog too! Play it cool and leave your dog safe at home, not in a hot car (My Dog is Cool, www.mydogiscool.com).



"You Are Not Alone" **(YANA)**



The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has launched "[You Are Not Alone](#)," a free service provided to residents of Snohomish County by volunteers who make regularly scheduled home visits or other contact with seniors or the disabled in Snohomish County. "*You Are Not Alone*" (YANA) is a resource for residents who live independently in their own home but do not have friends or family who can regularly check on them.

"The idea behind *You Are Not Alone* is to prevent emergencies for the county's most vulnerable residents living on their own," said Sheriff Ty Trenary. "The program is a proactive approach to public safety by connecting volunteers with people confined to their homes, reducing isolation and improving quality of life."

Once a person has registered with YANA, trained Sheriff's Office volunteers will make regularly scheduled telephone calls and home visits at prearranged times. If the participant does not answer the phone or the door at the prearranged time, a series of steps are followed to ensure the participant's safety and well-being, including sending a sheriff's deputy to check on them.

Those interested in participating should [submit a registration form](#). Participation is free with the only requirement being that participants are able to answer the phone and provide at least one emergency contact.

For more information or to refer someone to the program, contact the YANA program at (425) 388-7375 or YANA@snoco.org.

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Stay Safe and Legal this 4th of July -- 2015!

Celebrate Legally:

- **Use fireworks only in legal locations.**

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Gold Bar

Granite Falls

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Lake Stevens

Lynnwood

Marysville

Mill Creek

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Snohomish

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Starwood

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July 4th between 9am – midnight

July 4th between 9am – 11pm

July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm

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July 4th between 9am – 11:59

July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm on private property only

July 4th between 9am – midnight

July 4th between 9am – 11pm

July 4th between 9am – 11pm

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July 4th between 9am – midnight

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July 1 to July 4 between 9am – 11pm

July 4 between 9am – 11:59pm

June 28 – July 5 between noon – 11pm

State Law**

Banned

- **Use only fireworks sold at state licensed fireworks stands.**

- Illegal fireworks are subject to immediate confiscation and possible criminal charges.

- ****Use fireworks only during the legal times per state law: (see above list for your area)**

- June 28th between 12 noon and 11:00 p.m.
- June 29th through July 3rd between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- July 4th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight
- July 5th between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Celebrate Safely:

- **Be Prepared... before you light fireworks**

- Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets
- Store fireworks out of children's reach
- Keep pets safe indoors
- Always keep water handy.

- **Be Safe... when lighting fireworks**

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Use outdoors only.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- Protect your eyes.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never relight a "dud".

- **Be Responsible... after you finish**

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate – clean up used fireworks
- Keep matches and lighters away from children

Snohomish County Fire Marshal

www.snoco.org (keyword – fireworks)